GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – P.R. & R.D. Department – Allegation of irregularities in execution of works in Atchaiahpalem village of Rompicherla Mandal, Narsaraopet, Guntur District - Disciplinary proceedings against **Sri B. Rama Rao,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Bapatla under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Articles of charge - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.517 **Dated:12.09.2024.**
Read:

G.O.Rt.No.513, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:12 .09.2024.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government for instituting common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, among others, against **Sri B. Rama Rao,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Bapatla, vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against him in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to hold is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charge are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. **Sri B. Rama Rao,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Bapatla is directed to submit his written statement of defense within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. **Sri B. Rama Rao,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Bapatla, is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. **Sri B. Rama Rao,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Bapatla is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

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6. Attention of **Sri B. Rama Rao,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Bapatla, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sri B. Rama Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Bapatla
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada
(with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)

Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST **SRI B. RAMA RAO,** THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, VIG. & QUALITY CONTROL SUB-DIVISION, NARSARAOPET AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, BAPATLA.

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That **Sri B. Rama Rao,** while working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet of erstwhile Guntur District along with other V&QC personnel has not conducted QC inspection properly and proposed "NIL" recovery in the inspection reports on 25.04.2019 in two (2) works ie., Pucca internal roads / streets including drainage system and culverts within village under convergence funds at ST Locality-1 in Atchaiahpalem village of Rompicherla Mandal for the Work ID No. 0770540-190090**80012** with an estimated cost of Rs.15.00 lakhs" and another work "Pucca internal roads / streets including drainage system and culverts within village under convergence funds at ST Locality-1 in Atchaiahpalem village of Rompicherla Mandal for the Work ID No. 07705402101008**0018**" with an estimated cost of Rs.20.00 lakhs" and whereas the 2nd QC team has attended the above works on 03.08.2020 & 08.08.2020 and conducted inspection and proposed for recovery of Rs.10,25,213/- & Rs. 17,27,072/- respectively in the said works and thereby caused loss to the Government exchequer. Thereby unnecessary legal complications have arisen and huge embarrassment was created in dealing with legal issues before the Hon'ble High Court of AP in Contempt Case No. 472/2022 in WP No.24401/2021 filed by Sri Mandalapu Chinna Venkata Rao, R/o. Guntur district.

Thus **Sri B. Rama Rao,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Bapatla has failed to discharge his legitimate duties and shown gross negligence in attending his duties and acted in contravention of Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST **SRI B. RAMA RAO,** THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, VIG. & QUALITY CONTROL SUB-DIVISION, NARSARAOPET AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, BAPATLA.

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BASIS:

Whereas, as per Quality Control norms and procedure, the 1st Quality Control Inspections were conducted on 25.04.2019 in respect of the works in Rompicherla Mandal of erstwhile Guntur district and proposed no recovery. At that time, Sri B. Rama Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet along with other V&QC personnel inspected the two works and not conducted QC inspection properly and proposed "NIL" recovery. Subsequently, as per the orders, 2nd QC inspection team has attended the above (2) works and conducted inspections and submitted report dated 03.08.2020 & 08.08.2020. The 1st QC Team report has proposed no recovery against the said works, but the 2nd QC team has proposed for recovery of total an amount of Rs.10,25,213/- and Rs. 17,27,072/- respectively for the above two works and works were rejected. Thus, it is evident that the 1st QC inspections were not properly conducted and shown slackness and negligence in discharging his duties and caused loss to Government exchequer. He should have taken proper care, he failed to discharge his legitimate duties. Thereby unnecessary complications and legal issues have arisen and huge embarrassment was created in dealing with legal issues before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

Thus, the Government Servant, **Sri B. Rama Rao,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vig. & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Bapatla has failed to obey the orders of higher authorities and shown gross negligence in his legitimate duties. Thus by the above mentioned acts, he failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to the duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and there by contravened the Rule 3 (1) & 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHAERGE FRAMED AGAINST **SRI B. RAMA RAO,** THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, VIG. & QUALITY CONTROL SUB-DIVISION, NARSARAOPET AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, BAPATLA ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

(1) First QC Inspection Report dated 25.04.2019 (2 works)
(2) Second QC Inspection Team Reported dated 03.08.2020 & 08.08.2020
(3) Orders of High Court of AP, dated 25.10.2021 in WP No. 24401 of 2021
(4) Notice in CC No. 472/2022 filed by Sri Mandalapu Chinna Venkata Rao
(5) Govt. Memo No. 1769962/Vig.II/2022-1, dt. 07.09.2023 of PR&RD (Vig.II) Department.
(6) Letter No. 767/Memo/2023/A1, dated 02.01.2024 of the Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Narasaraopet.
(7)Letter No.AEE2/QA&QC-Parchur/Atchaiahpalem(V) Rompicharla, Dt.08 .01.2024 of Executive Engineer, PR QA&QC Division, Parchur.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHAERGE FRAMED AGAINST **SRI B. RAMA RAO,** THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, VIG. & QUALITY CONTROL SUB-DIVISION, NARSARAOPET AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, BAPATLA ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

- Nil –

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